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SUBJECT: F-5S FOR YEMEN

REFS: A) JIDDA 1282; B) STATE 69611

1. DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORIZED RELEASE TO SAUDIS OF P AND B DATA ON 12 F-5ES FOR YEMEN. DOD DELIVERED THE P AND B TO LT. COL. FAHD ABDULLAH, RSAF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, ON 28 MAY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON. GIVEN STRONG PROBABILITY SAUDIS WILL GO ON TO REQUEST FORMALLY LOA FOR YEMEN F-5 PROGRAM, WE ARE PREPARING SEPTTEL SETTING FORTH DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF HOW PROGRAM MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED AND REQUESTING COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM ADDRESSEES.

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2. FOR SANA: THOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT INFORMING AL-HAMDI OF OUR DECISION WOULD CALM HIS ANXIETY CONCERNING THE F-5 PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE IT IS THE SAUDIS WHO SHOULD SO INFORM HIM, AT A TIME OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WILL BE PAYING FOR THE AIRCRAFT, AND WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE PRESSURING THEM WHILE THEY CONSIDER THE P AND B DATA.

3. FOR JIDDA: THIS MESSAGE IS FYI ONLY AND YOU SHOULD

TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. SAUDIS FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT PROVISION OF P AND B DATA DOES NOT ENTAIL ANY COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF EITHER GOVERNMENT. THIS POINT WAS SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY RSAF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, PRINCE FAHD ABDULLAH, DURING A MAY 20 CONVERSATION WITH DOD OFFICIALS. DEPARTMENT AND DOD WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED CONCERNING EVOLUTION OF SAG THINKING CONCERNING F-5 PROGRAM FOR YEMEN. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT HAD EVIDENCE OF POLICY LEVEL SAG INTEREST IN F-5 ASPECT OF YEMEN SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, BUT ASSUME THIS WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE WAITING UNTIL WORKING LEVEL HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER P AND B DATA. VANCE

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